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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 February 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 4-12, 14-19, 21, 22, 35 and 36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 4-12 and 35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-19, 21 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is the fourth office action for U.S. Application 10/522,446 for a Mounting System for a Vehicular Mirror filed on January 19, 2005. Claims 2, 4-12, 14-19, 21, 22, 35, and 36 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 14, 15, 21 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,669,704 to Pastrick. Pastrick discloses a vehicular mounting system comprising a mirror mounting panel (38) adapted to receive a mirror head with a reflective element mounted therein, the panel having a hook (112) that can be directed in a forward direction of travel of a vehicle. There is a vehicle mounting surface (104) adaptable to have a socket (114) directed in a rearward direction with respect to a forward direction of travel of a vehicle. The hook is adapted to be slidably received within the socket when the hook and socket are operably aligned with one another and the mirror mounting panel is moved forwardly with respect to a vehicle mounting surface so the hook can be received in the socket. There is also a locator pad (see col. 10, lines 5-10) positioned adjacent to the socket and a boss (at 43'... see fig. 21) in spaced relationship to the hook. The system further comprises a threaded

fastener for extending through alignable apertures in the panel and surface for fixedly mounting the panel to the surface (see col. 8, lines 45-49).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pastrick in view of official notice provided by the Examiner. Pastrick does not disclose a seal on the peripheral edge of the mirror panel for providing a barrier against wind and water ingress. However, the Examiner is providing official notice that it is common in the art to provide seals (such as rubber) around the perimeter of housings subject to outside elements to provide protection from the elements. It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a seal on the perimeter of the housing taught by Pastrick, as is known in the art, to protect the contents of the housing from outside elements such as rain or wind.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 4-12, and 35 are allowed. Claim 22 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to STEVEN M. MARSH whose telephone number is (571)272-6819. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 7:00 pm (Monday-Thursday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J Allen Shriver can be reached on 571-272-6698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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